

Samuel Paine House
Longhook and Higgins
Hollow Roads
Truro
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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Location Southeast corner of the intersection of Long Nook Road and Higgins Hollow Road, about 1/4 mile east of Highway 6 and about 6 miles northeast of Wellfleet Center, Town of Truro, County of Barnstable, in Massachusetts.

Present owner Miss Catherine Woolley, 71 Park Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

Present occupant Miss Catherine Woolley and her mother.

Present use Summer residence.

Significance This is a one and a half story Cape Cod "double" house, five bays, located within the area of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and subsequent owners Present owner purchased house in November 1958 from Mrs. Mary Atwood who lives across the road to the north. Her husband inherited it from his mother, Mrs. S. B. Atwood who was a Paine before her marriage. Mrs. Atwood told present owner that the Paine family originally built the house and that it was kept in the family until sold to Miss Woolley.

Date of erection Early 19th century. Mrs. Mary Atwood dates house about 1825.

Architect Unknown.

Builder Unknown.

Original plans None known to exist.

Alterations and additions From verbal tradition (Mary Atwood), the rear of the house was remodeled at an unascertainable date because of a fire. Parts of another house were reportedly used in this remodeling.

Historical events connected with structure None uncovered to date however the Paines and the Atwoods were very prominent in the development of this part of Cape Cod. Present owner, Miss Catherine Woolley, is a famous author of children's stories.

Important old views None discovered to date.

Sources of information Present owner; Mrs. Mary Atwood, Long Nook Road,
Truro, Massachusetts.

Likely sources not yet investigated A search could be made of the Truro
Town Records and the Barnstable Massachusetts County Records for in-
formation concerning the early owners and possible date of construct-
ion. The fire in the courthouse at Barnstable in 1827 however de-
stroyed many of the original Register of Deeds books prior to that
date.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit This structure is a one and a half story 5 bay "double" house, Cape Cod type, located within the area of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore. It has characteristics that are an influence of the Greek Revival.

Condition of fabric Good, well preserved and in neat condition.

THE EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions Approximately 35' x 43'.

Foundations Brick, wood sills.

Wall construction Exposed wall on second floor shows original exterior of horizontal boards covered with shingles. Exposed wall in garred, south side of house shows post and beam construction of 5" posts at 12'-0" on center with 2 x 3 studs at 4'-0" on center. The south side is covered with clapboards, sides are shingled.

Porches, stoops Small brick and concrete stoop, front door, probably modern.

Chimneys Large brick chimney over center of original house; small brick chimney over rear ell addition; concrete block, modern, chimney attached to east side of house.

Openings - doorways and doors 5 panel front door, 4 light transom. Tapered wood molding on flanking pilasters. Greek Revival fluted console at top of pilasters supports entablature over the entrance, front door.

Roof - shape, covering Gabled, pitched, wood shingles covering.

construction 3 x 8 wood trusses, located 4'-0" on center, covered by horizontal roofing boards.

Windows and shutters 9/6 lights in wood sash, double hung. Green louvered shutters at front of house.

cornice wood box cornice, narrow eaves.

dormers none.

THE INTERIOR

Floor plans Remodeling has changed much of the house. The exterior character of the early Cape Cod Greek Revival influence has been retained on the south side, front. The front door at the center is flanked by a two windowed room on the east and on the west, 5 bays. The front door opens into a small entry from which doors lead to the east and west rooms. Changes were made at unascertainable dates in the rest of the house. The central part of the house is usually the original kitchen, but this is now a hall way with two small bedrooms on the west and a bathroom on the east. A buttry and small bed room were probably located where the bathroom is now. Stairs to second floor are located next to the north wall of the bathroom.

An ell addition of a story and a half was added to the rear of the house and a one story kitchen (modern) was added to that, at unascertainable dates.

The second floor has been changed and now includes three bedrooms, an open chamber and a bathroom.

A circular cellar about 12 feet in diameter, of brick, is located under the first floor bathroom. Entrance is by exterior steps on the east side of the house.

Stairways One to second floor from rear hallway, narrow, steep.
Exterior cellar stairs.

Flooring Random width pine floor boards, painted, 8 to 14 inches wide.
These are apparently butt jointed..

Wall and ceiling finish Plastered walls with wood wainscot to height of window stool in east room and in rear hall; chair rail in west room; plastered ceilings in general, with plaster board ceiling in east room.

Doorways and doors 4 and 6 panel doors, not known if original or not.

Trim Molded and mitered trim at windows and doorways. Decorative cornice in most of rooms of original part of house.

Hardware Mostly old style, lift latch at front door and chpboard catches in particular. Not known if original.

Lighting Electric.

Heating Hot water baseboard heating from oil furnace in cellar. One fireplace in east room.

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THE SITE

Orientation The house faces south west and is in a pleasant setting of good lawn, shrubbery and trees. Grape arbor is located at east side of house.

Enclosures None.

Outbuildings Shingled privy located about 20 yards to north of house.

Walks, driveways No walks; gravel driveway from road to east lawn, for parking.

Landscaping Good lawn, shrubbery and trees and grape arbor. Well kept appearance. Informal planting.

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